

## FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 19, 2008

The meeting was held on March 19, 2008. Those present were: Frank Colwell, Dana Escott, Kay Vonbergen, Nick Novich, Richard Woods, Sam Novich, Troy Martin, Becky Kington, Tom Leo, Dawn Hagedorn, Marilyn Ross, Nancy Matheson and Jackie, Dennis and Susan Nelson, Pete Novich and Dawn Hagedorn.

Bills were presented and signed off on. The minutes from January 23 and February 21 were read and approved. Nick noticed that there was discussion on the tractor tires and mentioned that the county will replace them. The minutes also mentioned the campground having grass and that was corrected that the parking lot will be gravel for heavy loads. With these corrections, the minutes stand approved.

Frank Colwell presented a memorial drawing from Jim Shirk in memory of Alan Hamilton and asked permission to fix this memorial by the 4-H building and the walking path. It would consist of benches, trees, and a nice plaque. The memorial would be landscaped with rocks, shrubs, etc. The board thought it was a nice idea and approved it. Tom made motion and Nick seconded it.

Dana read a letter from Kasey Smart and Chuck Bowey, Swine Committee Chairpersons, asking the board to take a look at the wiring in the hog barn. It appears to be dangerous and the lighting is poor. Dana will call and check into that.

We still are trying to locate a set of bylaws and Marilyn said she would look in the attic at the courthouse. If we cannot find any we may have to redo them.

Nick brought a book with ceiling fans in it and showed it to the board and suggested we buy 2 for the square building. They are on sale and they are reversible. The board said to order them. Nick made motion, Richard seconded it.

Sam Novich represented the Town and putting in a new piece of walking path that would tie onto Riverside's Northwest corner and go north along the fence. The town would gravel and move the fence and then possibly make 16' panels for fencing. The path would then go to the highway and we would have to see if Lott's would let the path go along the highway following the fence on the south side and then cross under the overflow bridge and tie into Jessen Park; The town talked to the DOT and they were in support of putting up signs with flashing lights to make the river bridge crossing safer. The town would maintain the path. Sam asked for a letter of support for this path to the city. Board had no objections. Troy made a motion and Tom Leo seconded it that Dana will write a letter of support.

Dana told the board that Goodman House Logs donated the log beams for the back of the grandstands. We should write them a tax deduction letter with the value of the logs in it.

Pete presented three bids for rodeo stock for the NRA:

Jacobs Rodeo (Dick Lyman):	
Red Eye Rodeo (Cale Berg):	\$11,900 w/ announcer
Big Circle (Sparky Drieson):	\$11,710 w/out announcer
Announcer would be	\$ 5-700 per performance = 13110.

Discussion was that the Board's budget is \$9,000 and that 3RAC wanted County to put in added money also. Troy said this would be an addition \$8,600 and didn't think that the Board could double their budget. Pete suggested maybe Rooster Reynolds would announce for less money

and that Big Circle had the best stock. There is about \$4600 added money that 3RAC put in last year. The board was concerned about this additional money. Pete explained that they were looking at purchasing a water truck and wouldn't have the extra money for the added money in the NRA rodeo this year. It was suggested that with the price of fuel, etc., the county would have to take a hard look at the budget to see if there is a possibility of putting more money in the budget. 3RAC said in the past the added money came ½ from the sponsorship signs and the barrel series, etc.

Discussion about watering the arena was also brought up. Troy mentioned that the fire dept will donate a water truck to 3RAC to help water the arena. Dawn Hagedorn said the truck was not big enough and that they needed more water than what the truck would carry for barrel racings.

The NRA rodeo tickets were discussed and that we were going to raise the price of the tickets to help pay for the Ringling 5 performance on Saturday and that we would move the rodeo up to 1 pm on Saturday also. Troy motioned for Big Circle Rodeo stock and Nick seconded it. Pete asked the county to pay the \$200 sanction fee so that the MC fair NRA rodeo was on the books. Pete talked about the ropin chute being wore out and Tom said he would approach the Rodeo association in Ennis to help with the added money and also see what they did with their extra chute since they got a new one. Tom suggested 3RAC trade in old chute if they could.

Nancy Matheson suggested that Shepherds Garage might build a ropin chute for advertising in the arena and she would check into it. Pete doesn't want one made and Nancy said if she had the specs for NRA, Shepherds would probably build it to specs. They'll check into it, or Nancy was going to try and get a roping chute donated to county. Board suggested trading in old chute if possible and it was a great offer by Nancy and then it wouldn't cost money out of County's pocket. Nancy would work on this project.

3RAC asked if we got the garbage trailer. Dana and Pete said it was gone and discussion was that Dana would rather have a flatbed trailer and that 3RAC could put the garbage on the green truck for now.

The MOU was discussed and minor changes made. Susan will edit it and the Board wants to think about it and look it over again before signing it. Becky discussed her letter and how 3RAC would give their improvements to the County in lieu of using the arena for free. Troy mentioned that once an improvement is put on the grounds, it belongs to the county anyway, but thanked 3RAC for the crows nest, lights, concessions, etc.

Dana asked Dennis about the portal potties and asked the Board if we could put an extra one in by the arena. 3RAC puts one in and trades with Dennis for a sign and Dana asked if Dennis would trade the Board for advertising in the fair book. It was agreed upon. We have a vault toilet to put by the arena, but aren't sure when we will get it put in.

Fair board meetings will be the third Wednesday and the next fair board meeting will be April 16, 2008 at 7 pm at the fair offices. We need to put election of officers on the agenda.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Escott